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SUBJ: SECRETARY'S VISIT: ARRIVAL, JOINT AND DEPARTURE STATEMENTS

REF: NAAS/MILLS TELECON

1. FOLLOWING ARE SUGGESTIONS FOR STATEMENTS TO BE MADE BY SECRETARY KISSINGER DURING VISIT. PRECISE WORDING COULD BE MODIFIED TO INCLUDE TOPICAL REFERENCES TO EVENTS OCCURRING IN MEANTIME.

2. ARRIVAL STATEMENT: COULD BEGIN WITH REFERENCE TO NOVEMBER 9, 1973, VISIT DURING WHICH SECRETARY BRIEFED GOI ON MIDDLE EAST PEACE NEGOTIATIONS, AND COULD MAKE FAVORABLE REFERENCE TO IRANIAN SUPPORT FOR NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT ARAB-ISRAELI ISSUES TO BE REACHED IN ACCORDANCE WITH UN RESOLUTIONS. REMAINDER OF STATEMENT COULD RECALL SHAH'S CLOSE ASSOCIATION WITH SEVEN PRESIDENTS AND INCLUDE PRAISE FOR IRAN'S ACTIVE ROLE IN UNITED NATIONS. IF DESIRED, BRIEF REFERENCE MIGHT BE MADE TO SECRETARY'S WILLINGNESS TO DISCUSS OIL PRICE ISSUES WITH HIS MAJESTY IN LINE WITH BOTH COUNTRIES' DESIRE TO FIND AREAS OF COOPERATION ON THIS ISSUE AND TO AVOID CONFRONTATION.

3. JOINT STATEMENT: BULK OF THIS STATEMENT WILL CONSIST OF THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF A JOINT COMMISSION ON COOPERATION. TEXT OF ANNOUNCEMENT HAS BEEN APPROVED BY SHAH AND GOI BUT MUST BE AMENDED SLIGHTLY TO REFLECT EVENTS DURING SECRETARY'S VISIT (SEE TEHRAN CONFIDENTIAL

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6628). STATEMENT WOULD MENTION FIRST MEETING OF COMMISSION AND ANY

AGREEMENTS GROWING OUT OF IT.

4. DEPARTURE STATEMENT: AS THIS WILL PROBABLY BE ISSUED AT SHIRAZ AIRPORT WITH CORRESPONDINGLY LIGHT PRESS COVERAGE, STATEMENT MIGHT BE CONFINED TO BRIEF REFERENCE TO ESTABLISHMENT OF COOPERATION COMMISSION. SECRETARY MIGHT ADD PERSONAL NOTE ABOUT HIS PLEASURE AT HAVING BEEN ABLE TO TOUR ISFAHAN AND TAKHTE-JAMSHID WITH MRS KISSINGER. THIS COULD INCLUDE HUMOROUS LINKAGE BETWEEN SECRETARY'S EXTENSIVE WORLD TRAVELS AND OLD IRANIAN SAYING THAT "ISFAHAN IS HALF THE WORLD" ("ISFAHAN NESF-EH-JAHAN").
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